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Which sector do you represent?

- Conservation
- General public

Which draft plans are you commenting on? Coral Sea Which marine park(s) are you commenting on?

Coral Sea in Particular but the planned reductions in size apply to most marine parks.

What topic(s) or activity(s) are you commenting about?

- Commercial shipping
- Commercial fishing
- Oil, gas, or mining
- Recreational fishing

What part of the plan(s) are you commenting on?

- Part 1 - Managing Australian Marine Parks
- Part 3 - Zoning

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Parliament: Yes

Does your comment relate to the renaming of marine parks? No Please type your comments below:
Australian Marine Parks Management Planning Dept of the Environment and Energy,

I refer to proposals in the Draft Coral Sea Management Plan of 2017 to allow The Director to authorise commercial fishing, recreational fishing and a range of other commercial activities in the Coal Sea Marine Park as well as similar plans for other Marine reserves in Australian waters.

In 2012, after extensive research and consultation, the Australian Government declared significant areas of Australia's marine areas to be protected.

These included the Coal Sea Marine Park. With so much overfishing of waters taking place, having these areas protected is vital to ensure the long term sustainability of many forms of marine life and indeed the very fish species that have been overfished in the past.

Providing an opening now for the authorisation of commercial and recreational fishing in these protected areas would be contrary to their purpose. This could threaten the integrity of these protected zones and bring about the collapse of fisheries elsewhere.

I urge the committee to reject these proposals.

Sincerely,

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